



## **Advancing Military Families' & Veterans' Priorities**

### **Expanding Opportunities for Military Families**

- Senator Blunt is leading modernizing efforts to meet the needs of service members and their families
- As a member of the Senate Military Family Caucus, he is committed to finding solutions to the current challenges faced by military families, including employment, education, health care, caregiver demands, and the effects of multiple deployments
- Senator Blunt introduced the bipartisan Military Family Stability Act in 2015 to help the Department of Defense meet the evolving needs of today's military families
- The MFSA increases flexibility by providing military families up to a six month buffer to continue working or complete the school year before moving to their next duty station

### **Putting Veterans to Work**

- As a member of the bipartisan Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus, Senator Blunt is committed to helping America's veterans and their spouses find good-paying jobs as civilians
- Senator Blunt introduced the HIRE Vets Act, which recognizes employers for their veteran hiring, retention, and provision of veteran services
- The HIRE Vets Act helps establish nationally-recognized gold, silver and bronze standards for employers so veterans are aware of the background and services provided by prospective employers
- Senator Blunt introduced the Hire More Heroes Act, which was signed into law in 2015, to encourage companies to hire more American veterans, while providing relief from the burdensome ObamaCare employer mandate

### **Improving Veteran and Military Family Health**

- Senator Blunt is committed to ensuring our nation's service members, veterans, and their families have timely access to quality health care, and supports more choices for our veterans' medical needs
- Senator Blunt introduced the Caring for America's Heroes Act, which was included in the National Defense Authorization Act and signed into law in 2014 (Public Law 113-291), to bring mental health treatment in line with the way physical injuries are treated for veterans and their family members
- Senator Blunt cosponsored the Veterans' Choice Act, which was signed into law in 2014 (Public Law 113-146), to allow veterans to receive care from non-VA providers if the wait time at the VA facility is longer than 30 days, or they live further than 40 miles from the nearest VA facility